



Anniversaries in Aruba are a thirty-five year tradition for Hazel and Paul Gallo

On Thursday, November 10, Hazel and Paul Gallo of Cape Cod, Massachusetts commemorated their sixtieth wedding anniversary as they have celebrated it for the last thirty-five years, in Aruba. Thirty-three of those years have been spent staying at what was once the Divi Divi Resort, and is better known now as the Divi Mega All Inclusive.

Their anniversary dinner was on the beachfront terrace of the Red Parrot Restaurant, and they were greeted with a beautiful bouquet, compliments of the management, and many well-wishers amongst the staff and hotel guests.

Hazel and Paul first came to Aruba in 1970 on a four-day package that they immediately extended to twelve days; they weren't ready to leave just yet. They laugh at the thought that they had never even heard of Aruba, the place that would become their "home away from home" at least three or four times out of the year, and usually for two to three weeks. They originally stayed at the Royal Caribbean, now better known as the Radisson Resort, but they settled in to the Divi Resort, because, according to Hazel and Paul, they found the staff there "so warm and friendly" that they soon became their Aruban "family."

The staff at the various restaurants of the Divi-Tamarijn complex had feted Hazel and Paul the entire day with flowers, anniversary cakes and an impromptu congratulatory chorus of "Happy Anniversary." Hazel confessed that it has been sixty "absolutely wonderful years, we have been so happy together, and the people here always make it so very special for us." Congratulations to Paul and Hazel Gallo; Aruba looks forward to sharing many more anniversaries with you!